

# Our goal is simple: keep kids safe.

At Boston Children's Hospital, we believe that every child deserves an active and safe childhood. That is why we are committed to reducing childhood injury through our comprehensive Injury Prevention Program.

### Who we are

Our injury prevention team is a group of trained child safety educators and safety inspection technicians. We are also some of the world's most experienced pediatricians and clinicians who treat common and complex injuries and are researching better ways to prevent them.

### What we do

In collaboration with Fundación MAPFRE, the Boston Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Program educates the community on effective injury prevention strategies. Our team of experts visits classrooms at after-school programs, parent groups, community centers, safety fairs, and other events throughout Massachusetts to provide tips and resources for children, parents, clinicians, and caregivers on how to stay safe and prevent injuries.

How can we partner with you?

#### Let's Connect

Interested in one of our programs? Please contact us. We are happy to work with you to customize a safety curriculum and event based on the needs of your group or organization.

## **Injury Prevention Program**

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## safe play starts here.

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### **Child Passenger Safety**

Massachusetts state law requires that all children ride in a federally approved car seat or booster seat until they're at least 8 years old or over 57 inches tall. To help ensure every family is able to abide by this law and keep kids safe, our Child Passenger Safety Program delivers free education, resources, and services to families in need of support. Our certified child passenger safety technicians provide child safety seat inspection and installation and educate parents and caregivers on how to properly install and use child restraints. We also distribute hundreds of car safety seats each year to families in need.

# Bicycle, Sport and Recreation Safety

Our Brain and Spinal Cord program aims to educate children of all ages on the importance of bike and sport safety to prevent brain and spinal cord injuries.

We engage parents, teachers, and children through interactive educational presentations, community events, and helmet fittings. Our community bike rodeos are an opportunity for children to bring their own bikes and scooters and learn different aspects of bike and road safety.

Our programs provide education and resources to keep kids safe. Some examples include:

- Helmets: bicycle, skateboards and scooters, and for winter sports like sledding and skiing
- Bike Rodeos: road safety education
- Concussion goggles: experience what it feels like to have a concussion without having one

### **Home Safety**

We educate parents and caregivers on ways to make their home a safer place for children through tip sheets and presentations with resources available to help decrease injuries that happen in the home, including:

- Fires and burns
- Poisoning (including safe handling of medication)
- Electrical dangers
- Choking and suffocation
- Injuries from furniture and toys
- Falls

### **Safe Shelter Program**

To ensure that our most vulnerable kids are kept safe our Safe Shelter Program partners with family shelters across the region. Our team provides families with home-safety education and helps install safety products around the shelter to keep children safe during their stay, including baby gates, electrical outlet plugs, window guards and cabinet locks.





#### **Our Partners**

We are proud to work with local and national injuryprevention organizations to deliver valuable resource materials and education as well as opportunities to talk with other experts in the field.

Our partners include:











